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US, ROK navies complete Foal Eagle exercise

'War Eagles' bring P-8A

By MC1(SW/EXW/AW) Joshua Bryce Bruns
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Korea Public Affairs

The U.S. and Republic of Korea (ROK) navies enhanced their combined and joint maritime capabilities after completing a series of drills and exercises ashore and at sea from March 8-31 in support of exercise Foal Eagle 2014. Exercise Foal Eagle is an umbrella of regularly scheduled, annual exercises that are the culmination of many months of planning and based on realistic training scenarios.

The naval portion of the Foal Eagle exercises took place in international waters around South Korea and featured a full spectrum of joint maritime operations designed to strengthen the interoperability and teamwork between U.S. and ROK military forces.



Vice Adm. Jung Ho Sup, commander of the Republic of Korea Fleet, watches AWO3 Cody Wojasinski, attached to VP-16, adjust equipment on a P-8A Poseidon aircraft during a distinguished visitor flight with senior members of the Republic of Korea navy.

Photo by MC1 Joshua Bryce Bruns

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Patrol squadrons participate in ASW challenge

By MC3 Jason Kofonow
Defense Media Activity

Navy P-3C Orion and P-8A Poseidon aircrews from around the maritime patrol and reconnaissance fleet are competing April 4-10 in the annual "Fleet Challenge" anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercise at Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

Fleet Challenge 2014 includes seven combat aircrew (CAC) from the three maritime patrol and reconnaissance wings, a fleet replacement squadron and a reserve squadron from the United Kingdom.

In the annual "ASW rodeo," as the exercise is also known, each CAC is

graded in a simulator scenario, as well as actual flight operations against USS Springfield (SSN 761), which acts as an opposing force.

"We bring the best of the best together to compete in the ASW rodeo so that we can highlight the training that's been going on across the fleet," said Cmdr. Mike Granger, the officer in charge of the Navy's Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Weapons School.

Crews are assessed on mission planning, optimized tactics, crew training, as well as implementation of past lessons learned in determining the most effective maritime patrol and recon-

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Photo by MC2 Culianna Dunn

A P-8A Poseidon rests on the flight line at Naval Air Station Jacksonville in 2013 as a P-3C Orion approaches the runway. Aircrews flying both platforms are competing in the ASW Fleet Challenge 2014.

NAS Jacksonville and Meridian recognized for environmental stewardship

By Earl Bittner
NAVFAC Southeast Public Affairs

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast environmental teams' contributions were recognized recently as two Navy installations received prestigious U.S. Navy environmental honors.

Vice Adm. Phil Cullom, deputy chief of naval operations for fleet readiness and logistics (N4), announced the winners of the fiscal year (FY) 2013 Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Environmental Awards competition, March 18.

2013 award winners included the Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville, Fla. Environmental Restoration Partnering Team and NAS Meridian, Miss. in the Environmental Restoration (ER), Installation category.

"I commend NAS Jax Restoration Advisory Board team leader Tim Curtin and the restoration team members on winning this award. They have proven to be leaders and are deserving of this recognition. Their leadership in the ongoing and multifaceted restoration projects truly supports the Navy's commitment to be a good environmental steward," stated NAS Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Undersander, upon learning of the award.

The NAS Jacksonville Team was formed to navigate a path forward to successfully investigate, remediate, and manage the risks posed by contami-



Official Navy photo

NAS Jax Environmental Restoration Partnering Team (from left) Peter Dao (US EPA); Mike Singletary (NAVFAC Southeast); Julie Johnson; (TetraTech); Jennifer Conklin (FDEP); Tim Curtin (NAS Jacksonville); Tim Flood (Management Edge); Adrienne Wilson (NAVFAC Southeast); Todd Haverkost (Resolution Consultants); Eric Davis (CH2MHill) and Mark Peterson (TetraTech).

nated waste sites located on the installation. They have worked together since 1992.

"During the past year, the team implemented several cutting edge, state-of-the-art investigations in an industrial area including vapor intrusion in multiple industrial buildings and bio-remediation in a former dry cleaners area," said Tim Curtin, NAS Jacksonville ER Program Manager.

"This included injecting emulsified vegetable oil in the sand and conduct-

ing an electro-kinetic process in the clay."

Curtin explained that the installation's hydrogeological, industrial, and ecological settings present unique opportunities to protect human health and the environment through the use of innovative technologies and methodologies for site restoration.

"The pace and expanded scope of cleanup efforts at NAS Jacksonville industrial sites have been possible through cooperation and collaboration

of the restoration team with its regulatory and community stakeholders, including the federal and state regulatory agencies, the local citizen's group, and the local redevelopment authority," Undersander added.

The second installation recognized was NAS Meridian.

"I would like to congratulate all of the personnel in the Public Works Environmental Department for their efforts leading to NAS Meridian's selection as the 2013 CNO Environmental Restoration, Installation category, award winner," said NAS Meridian Command Officer Capt. Charles C. Moore II.

"Bravo Zulu and best of luck to NAS Meridian Environmental at the next level, the Secretary of the Navy Environmental Awards Competition."

"The most significant restoration project completed at NAS Meridian would be the Site 3B Metals Landfill off the South Runway," said NAS Meridian Environmental Director Steve Wade.

"In earlier years, this site was used to store metals and construction debris."

The restoration process used at Site 3B was a total remediation of the entire area. The Navy conducted four subsurface ground and water sampling events following the cleanup to confirm no contamination was left behind.

"As a department it is a great accomplishment for our staff to be recognized

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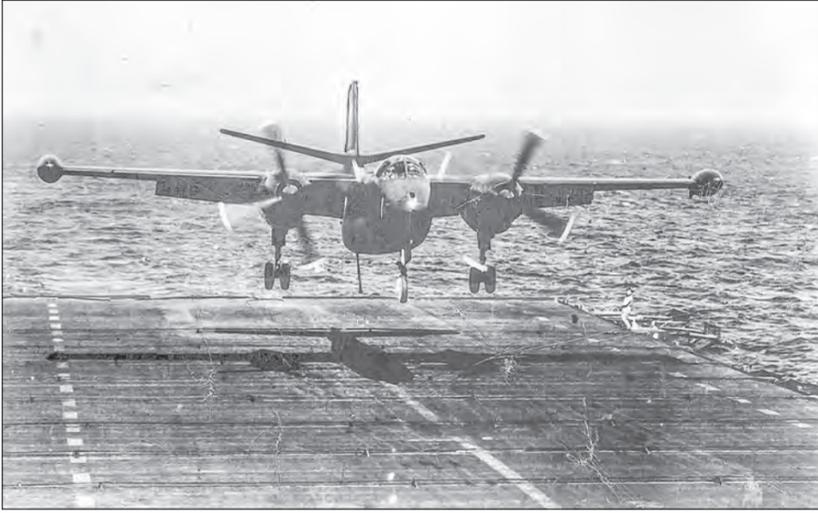


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On April 21, 1950, VC-5 Commanding Officer Capt. John Hayward made the first takeoff of the AJ-1 heavy attack plane from the aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea (CV-43). His pilots completed carrier qualifications in August and become the first operational AJ-1 Savage squadron. The AJ-1 aircraft above is landing aboard USS Wasp (CV-18) in March of 1952.



U.S. Navy photos

The Apollo 13 crew is safely on board USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2) after aborting their moon landing mission after an oxygen tank exploded, crippling the service module. Despite great hardship caused by limited power, loss of cabin heat, shortage of potable water, and the critical need to jury rig the carbon dioxide removal system, the crew returned safely to Earth. An HS-4 helicopter recovered the capsule after splash down.

This Week in Navy History

From Staff

April 10

1941 - USS Niblack (DD-424), used depth charges against a German U-boat while conducting rescue operations for a torpedoed Dutch freighter. This was the first action by an American naval vessel against the Axis Powers.

1963 - During diving tests, USS Thresher (SSN-593) was lost with all hands (112 crew and 12 civilians) east of Cape Cod, Mass.

1966 - River Patrol Boats of River Patrol Force commenced operations on inland waters of South Vietnam.

April 11

1783 - Congress declares end of war with Great Britain.

1900 - Navy accepts its first submarine, USS Holland.

1970 - Launch of Apollo 13, commanded by Navy Capt. James Lovell Jr. Former naval aviator Fred Haise Jr. was the Lunar Module Pilot. While 200,000 miles from Earth there was an explosion on board which forced Apollo 13 to circle the moon without landing. Mission duration was 5 days, 22 hours

and 54 minutes. Recovery was by HS-4 helicopters from USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2).

1991 - U.N. ceasefire ends Persian Gulf War.

April 12

1861 - Civil War begins when Confederates fire on Fort Sumter, S.C.

1911 - Lt. Theodore Ellyson qualifies as first naval aviator.

1962 - U.S. Navy demonstrates new landing craft with retractable hydrofoils, LCVP(H).

1975 - Operation Eagle Pull evacuation from Cambodia.

1981 - First launch of re-useable Space Shuttle Columbia (STS-1) with all-Navy crew. Retired Capt. John Young commanded and Lt. Cmdr. Robert Crippen was the pilot. Mission duration was two days, six hours and 20 minutes. Sixteen of the shuttle's heat-shielding silicon tiles were lost and 148 damaged during reentry.

1993 - Aircraft from USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) and NATO forces begin enforcing the no-fly zone over Bosnia in Operation Deny Flight.

April 13

1847 - Naval forces begin five-day bat-

tle to capture several towns in Mexico.

1861 - Fort Sumter surrenders to Confederate forces.

1960 - Navy navigation satellite, Transit, placed into orbit from Cape Canaveral, Fla. and demonstrates ability to launch another satellite.

April 14

1898 - Commissioning of USS Solace, the first post-Civil War hospital ship.

1969 - Over the Sea of Japan, North Korean aircraft shoots down a Navy EC-121 reconnaissance aircraft assigned to VQ-1.

1988 - USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58) strikes Iranian mine off Qatar.

1989 - First Navy ship arrives to assist in Exxon Valdez oil spill cleanup.

April 15

1885 - Naval forces land at Panama to protect American interests during revolution.

1912 - Scout cruisers USS Chester (CL-1) and USS Salem (CL-3) sail from Massachusetts to assist RMS Titanic survivors.

1918 - First Marine Aviation Force formed at Marine Flying Field, Miami, Fla.

1961 - Launch of first nuclear-powered frigate, USS Bainbridge (DDG 96), at Quincy, Mass.

1962 - USS Princeton (LPH-5) delivers first Marine Corps helicopters to Vietnam. This was first Marine advisory unit to arrive in South Vietnam.

1986 - Navy aircraft from USS America (CV-66) and USS Coral Sea (CV-43) attack Libya in conjunction with USAF aircraft after Libya was linked to the terrorist bombing of a West Berlin discotheque that killed one American and injured 78 people.

April 16

1863 - Union gunboats pass Confederate batteries at Vicksburg.

1924 - Navy supports relief operations during Mississippi Valley floods, lasting until June 16.

1947 - Act of Congress gives Navy Nurse Corps members commissioned rank.

Oldest son, Ford, shows what he's becoming

By Sarah Smiley
Special Contributor

From the Homefront

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, I took a picture of you standing next to the window in your nursery. The sun illuminated half your face, and you were holding a wooden train in one hand. When you heard my footsteps, you turned around, threw back your head and giggled. Your smile was all gums.

You had no idea what had just happened in New York City.

I've kept that picture on my desk ever since. It reminds me of a time when I could solve all your problems simply by walking into a room. It reminds me of a time when your world was

our home. It reminds me of a time when everything you were — tired, hungry, happy — was usually apparent to me.

Back then, you liked to line up your trains in a row. Sometimes you sorted them from biggest to smallest, and then smallest to biggest again. You organized them by color or by the shininess of their wheels. You were always industrious like that. Even at 1 year old.

"I wonder if he'll be an engineer like his dad?" I said. "He's very systematic."

A few years later, you wore your Superman pajamas with

Velcro cape to the grocery store and preschool. When other kids laughed at your choice of clothes, you convinced them that Superman is cool. Soon, all the other kids wanted a Superman cape, too. You have never caved to peer pressure.

"He's a natural leader," I said. "I wonder if he'll go into politics?"

By kindergarten, you were showing great interest in science and math. The teacher gave you extra assignments to satisfy your curiosity. Uncle Will got a kick out of watching you do puzzles. You were so serious and determined.

"Maybe he'll be a scientist," I said. "He's very good at math. Just like his dad."

Later, in elementary school, you got involved in sports. Baseball was your favorite. You read all the history, and your bank of ready-to-answer trivia rivaled Dad's.

"Maybe he'll work for a baseball team," I said. "He's so good at player stats and strategy."

Oh, the strategy! By fourth grade, you were beating dad at chess and your favorite pass-time was Axis and Allies. Woe was the person who thought you didn't know every major player in World War II. You memorized all the battleships, countries, leaders and outcomes. You kept maps tacked

to your wall and went over the war strategies again and again.

"Maybe he'll join the Navy," I said. "Just like his dad and grandfathers."

You made lists and more lists. Foreign countries were a fascination, and you ranked all the nations in the world by land mass and population. Then you ranked languages of the world according to how many people speak them.

"He's a natural historian," I said. "Maybe he'll be a professor."

All along, though, the one thing I knew for sure was that you got all your traits from Dad.

One day, while I was wash-

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City of Jacksonville Official Photo

Correction

The caption of this photo in the April 3 edition of *Jax Air News* omitted Col. Brian Simpler (third from left). We regret the error. During his monthly Mayor's Base Commanders Meeting held March 27 at City Hall, Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown (center) and area base commanders shared lunch and a few laughs. Around the table from left, NAS Jacksonville Executive Officer Capt. Howard Wanamaker, Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville Commander Capt. Tom Allan, 125th Fighter Wing Commander Col. Brian Simpler, Naval Station Mayport Commanding Officer Capt. Wess McCall, Brown, City of Jacksonville (COJ) Director of Military and Veterans Affairs Vic Guillory, Marine Corps Blount Island Command Deputy Commander Jim Hooks and COJ Deputy of Military and Veterans Affairs Harrison Conyers.

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VP-5 'Mad Foxes' look to future after change of command

By Lt. j.g. John Bellezza
VP-5 Public Affairs

On March 20, Cmdr. Gregory Petrovic assumed command of the VP-5 "Mad Foxes" from Cmdr. Matthew Pottenburgh during a change of command ceremony held in Hangar 117 at NAS Jacksonville.

The ceremony's guest speaker, Rear Adm. Kyle Cozad, discussed the tremendous legacy Pottenburgh will leave behind. He also reminded Petrovic to, "Enjoy every day because time goes by much too quickly."

Pottenburgh gave farewell remarks to the squadron in which he stated, "You went home each day tired, but with your integrity intact. Continue to raise the bar at NAS Jacksonville, as well as in Japan."

Petrovic urged the squadron to continue to "be humble, be bold and be decisive."

Pottenburgh took command in May 2013 as VP-5 became the second operational Navy squadron to transition from the P-3C Orion to the new P-8A Poseidon aircraft. Under his leadership, the squadron achieved "Safe-for-Flight" certification in the P-8A and has participated in numerous exercises, including the first-ever P-8A support of a Carrier Strike Group Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) and Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX). The Mad Foxes accomplished those feats while flying in support of USS George H.W. Bush Strike Group deployment certification.

Pottenburgh's next assignment will be at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., serving as a Naval Aviation Program Analyst in the Programming Division (N80) of the Chief of Naval Operations staff.

Petrovic is from New Bern, N.C. and graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1996. His naval career has included tours at VP-9 in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, CTF-67 and C6F in Naples, Italy, aboard the USS George Washington (CVN 73) in Norfolk, Va., VP-30 and VP-45 at NAS Jacksonville, and in the J8 Division of the Joint Staff in at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Later this year, Petrovic will lead VP-5 on deployment as the Mad Foxes will relieve VP-16 "War Eagles" in the 7th Fleet area of responsibility and become only the second P-8A squadron to operate overseas.



Photo by Lt. j.g. John Bellezza

(From left) Outgoing VP-5 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Matthew Pottenburgh, incoming VP-5 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Greg Petrovic, and incoming VP-5 Executive Officer Cmdr. Alan D'Jock look to the future after the "Mad Foxes" change of command ceremony March 20 at NAS Jacksonville Hangar 117.



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Station briefing

NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander was welcomed March 19 by retired Capt. Frank Brough at the monthly meeting of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)



Photo by Clark Pierce

Northeast Florida Chapter. Undersander presented information about topics of interest to MOAA members. Brough said, "We are grateful for Capt. Undersander's brief on

the major changes occurring now, as well as in the future, for this outstanding naval air station."

HOMEFRONT

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ing dishes, you came up behind me and began reading aloud about the unrest in Ukraine. I thought you were reading from the newspaper. But when I turned around, I saw that you were reading from your own writing. Light from the kitchen window illuminated half your face and highlighted your broadening shoulders. Your voice is deeper than I ever remembered it being.

I struggled to hear the words you read, distracted as I was thinking about your toddler self standing by the nursery window. I could tell, however, that each of your words were carefully chosen and fit into the sentences like puzzle pieces. You paused occasionally to fix something — "this word would be better if I moved it here" — and I could see the concentration on your face. I have that same far-away stare when I'm working with words.

You started talking about submitting some of your writing for publication. I remembered the first time I sent an essay to Chicken Soup for the Soul. I told you how to format your submission.

When you walked away, your younger brother, Owen, said, "Wow, he's like the next Charles Krauthammer, isn't he, Mom?"

I didn't answer. I had learned by then not to try to guess what you will become. I had never really known. (And since when does Owen know about Charles Krauthammer?) But to connect with you over writing was better than any Mother's Day gift. Ever.

That day in the kitchen, I saw that you are not "just like dad" or just like me. You are Ford. I realized that joy would come not from guessing at what you'll become, but from watching you show us what you're becoming. And I knew that in any case, what I wish for you is more success and happiness than your dad and I ever could achieve.

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More than 400 runners participated in the 9th annual Captain Chuck Cornett Navy Run on April 5 in front of cheering spectators at Naval Air Station Jacksonville.



Noi Freeman, volunteer fitness instructor for MWR, instructs over 50 people at the outdoor Navy Run Zumba class held on April 3 in the Navy Exchange parking lot.



More than 40 volunteers gather early Saturday morning in support of the annual NAS Jax Captain Chuck Cornett Navy Run on April 5 in the Navy Exchange parking lot.

Annual Navy Run attracts hundreds of athletes

By Shannon Leonard
MWR Marketing Director

On a warm overcast morning more than 400 service members, retirees, civilians and family members turned out for the ninth annual Capt. Chuck Cornett 10K Run and 5K Walk April 5 at NAS Jacksonville.

Originally called the Navy Run, the event was renamed after the 2004 death of Cornett, a former NAS Jax executive officer and avid runner. Cornett's family members, Mike and his grandson Michael, and Kathy and Mike Ray traveled to take part in this year's run.

"It is such an honor for us to be here for my dad - and for our family to be recognized each year. This year, we're wearing t-shirts honoring his phrase, 'Jog, run, love it.' His goal was to inspire people to start running or walking and to stay healthy and fit," she said.

Navy run events kicked-off April 3 with a Zumba and kickboxing Jam. On Friday there was a health fair in the Navy Exchange parking lot. The Naval Hospital Jacksonville Wellness Center provided free blood pressure checks and information on breast cancer awareness, including how to administer a breast self-exam.



John Metzgar, 51, finished second place overall (35:44) in the annual 10K Navy Run.



Nine-year-old twins Kip and Kirby Truitt are all smiles after placing second and third in the 5K event on Saturday.

The Fleet & Family Support Center provided information on sexual assault awareness.

On Saturday, in addition to the 10-kilometer competitive run and five-kilometer walk, there was a run-

ners' shoes and apparel fair in the Navy Exchange parking lot.

Once the runners received their packages with their numbers and timing chips, they stretched and mingled with friends and family.

After observing morning colors, NAS Jax Executive Officer Capt. Howard Wanamaker welcomed the runners and then joined them to await the starting gun. "It is a great day for a run and to promote navy fitness. I would like to thank the Cornett Family for attending and Ken Bandy for being an announcer for the past 25 years. This should be a great race and I am looking forward to it," said Wanamaker.

With a shotgun start, the runners headed down Child Street with Capt. Chuck Cornett's radar blue and yellow Corvette leading the way.

"This is such a wonderful event and great for our community to come together and promote physical fitness," said NAS Jax Athletic Director Tanya Henigman, who coordinated the run.

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A line formed early Saturday morning as runners register and pick-up their race packets at the annual Captain Chuck Cornett 10K Navy Run.



Rob Blazewick leads a Kickboxing class full of high intensity boxing moves set to fast pace and heart pumping music.

Photo by Morgan Kehnert



Michael Cornett and Kathy Ray award the first place medal to 10-year-old Simone Wanamaker for winning her division.



(From left) Kathy and Mike Ray along with Michael and Mike Cornett proudly stand in front of Captain Chuck Cornett's radar blue and yellow Corvette that led the April 5 Navy Run named aboard NAS Jax.



Photo by Morgan Kehnert

Tanya Henigman (left), MWR Fitness Center director, hands Capt. Mona Meaux (right), oral surgeon at NAS Jacksonville Dental Clinic her 2014 Capt. Chuck Cornett Navy Run race packet during registration on April 3. "I'm excited for the run and the fact that there is high command involvement."

Photos by Shannon Leonard



HM2 Charnele Punongbayan from Naval Hospital Jacksonville Wellness Center checks Ron Warner's blood pressure during the Navy Run health fair.



Dave and Samantha Scalf and Bri Pettit carefully secure their timing chips to their shoes.

Captain Chuck Cornett 10K Navy Run Results

Open Men

1. Jordan Zwick, 27, (33:19)
2. John Metzgar, 51, (35:44)
3. Andy Shellgren, 24, (36:03)

Open Women

1. Lisa Adams, 39, (44:10)
2. Amy Purcell, 35, (45:48)
3. Jennifer Dominguez, 24, (46:25)

Masters Men

1. Joe Rivera, 47, (38:38)
2. Jimmer Sullivan, 53, (42:00)
3. Anthony Truitt, 55, (42:23)

Masters Women

1. Barbara Gowdy, 45, (46:33)
2. Colleen Bierbach, 40, (46:44)
3. Vanessa Lain, 40, (49:15)

Women Under 11

1. Simone Wanamaker, 10, (1:03:23)
2. Grace Adams, 9, (1:10:58)
3. Addison Adams, 8, (1:11:48)

Women 11 - 14

1. Jamie Averitt, 14, (1:13:12)

Women 15 - 19

1. Alaina Pruitt, 19, (59:03)
2. Lindsey Averitt, 16, (1:05:50)

Women 20 - 24

1. Miranda Abbas, 20, (49:53)
2. Samantha Scalf, 23, (55:52)
3. Jennifer Ayala, 23, (59:12)

Women 25 - 29

1. Yuka Segatto, 25, (49:14)
2. Michelle Bader, 29, (56:29)
3. Kaila Yetka, 25, (57:32)

Women 30 - 34

1. Tammy Jenkins, 32, (48:16)
2. Nicole Magee, 30, (48:32)
3. Molly Major, 32, (48:36)

Women 35 - 39

1. Michelle McCullough, 35, (51:25)
2. Yelena Lyamzina, 39, (51:30)
3. Charlotte Miller, 38, (51:32)

Women 40 - 44

1. Amy Guthrie, 41, (51:35)
2. Cathy Ivancik, 40, (58:53)
3. Rowie Hardtke, 41, (59:01)

Women 45 - 49

1. Dena Gaucher, 46, (57:30)
2. Joanie Barrett, 46, (1:00:34)
3. Benita Terry, 49, (1:04:30)

Women 50 - 54

1. Anna Delhart, 50, (56:34)
2. Catherine Ferrell, 52, (57:18)



Jordan Zwick
33:19

Women 55 - 59

1. Kim Crist, 57, (53:25)
2. Sue Whitworth, 59, (55:19)
3. Joanne Harris, 55, (56:18)

Women 60 - 64

1. Diane Wilkinson, 61, (1:10:26)
2. Jean Schubert, 63, (1:27:13)

Women 70 - 74

1. Marie Bendy, 71, (1:18:03)

Women 75 & Up

1. Patt McEvers, 75, (1:18:03)

Men Under 11

1. Skykar Gray, 8, (59:28)
2. Chase Kirkland, 9, (1:16:26)
3. Ryan Nolen, 10, (1:24:20)

Men 11 - 14

1. Stephen Sizmore, 14, (1:01:58)
2. Brandon Brown, 12, (1:05:38)

Men 15 - 19

1. Jack Wanamaker, 17, (42:19)
2. Robert Fortune, 17, (43:51)
3. Steven Sauri, 18, (52:50)

Men 20 - 24

1. Tyler Johnson, 21, (41:56)
2. Sean Roderick, 20, (43:50)
3. James Pressley, 21, (45:37)

Men 25 - 29

1. Patrick Cooper, 25, (37:38)
2. Phillip Litfin, 29, (38:55)
3. Phillip Jenkins, 28, (41:26)

Men 30 - 34

1. Devin Riley, 30, (42:20)
2. John Hallahan, 34, (47:16)
3. Ryan Murphy, 33, (47:48)



Lisa Adams
44:10

Men 35 - 39

1. Jeremy Judernatz, 35, (39:28)
2. Kyle Beahan, 38, (39:50)
3. Tom Ivancik, 38, (40:07)

Men 40 - 44

1. Jeffrey Owejan, 42, (48:21)
2. Gerald Ataiza, 43, (50:37)
3. James Miller, 41, (52:30)

Men 45 - 49

1. Lee Grose, 47, (45:34)
2. Luis Ibarra, 48, (46:24)
3. Vincent Collogan, 45, (47:42)

Men 50 - 54

1. Joseph McQuade, 53, (43:20)
2. Steven Damit, 52, (46:44)
3. Bradley Tippet, 53, (47:45)

Men 55 - 59

1. Bradford Joseph, 55, (48:01)
2. Stanley Lomax, 56, (51:18)
3. Eliseo Rodriguez, 58, (51:29)

Men 60 - 64

1. Paul Geiger, 61, (47:59)
2. Douglas Tillet, 60, (49:50)
3. Doug Hardt, 64, (50:46)

Men 65 - 69

1. George White, 67, (47:21)
2. Michael Fitzsimmons, 65, (52:16)
3. Martin Wilkinson, 65, (55:44)

Men 70 - 74

1. Paul Smith, 72, (53:05)
2. Frank Frazier, 71, (59:44)
3. John Fears, 70, (1:03:21)

Men 75 & Up

1. Charles Wagner, 76, (1:22:39)
2. Bob Meister, 82, (1:23:33)
3. Pat Gallagher, 83, (1:28:07)

NAVY RUN

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"Of course, we couldn't pull this off without the help of our volunteers and sponsors. It's a team effort to organize this event. We have about 40 volunteers out here helping out to ensure everything runs smoothly. This was the first year we had online registration and it went very well. Next year's run promises to be even better. I am already working on new ideas."

The first runner to cross the 5K finish line was 13-year-old Conner McQuade (24:31), followed by nine-year-old twin brothers Kirby Truitt (24:37) and Kip Truitt (24:48).

The overall winner and first man to cross the 10K finish line was Jordan Zwick (33:10), followed by John Metzgar (35:44) and Lt. Andy Shellgren of VP-10 (36:03). The first woman to cross the 10K line was Lisa Adams (44:10). Amy Purcell placed second (45:48) and Jennifer Dminguez finished third (46:25).

Following the awards presentation, runners stayed around hoping to win a prize provided by Navy Run sponsors. Prizes included an ASICS shoe gift certificate, Jacksonville Suns admission tickets & merchandise, TRX Force Kits, a Garmin watch and much more. Premier Beverage provided patrons free bottles of VOSS water for rehydrating.

"We really appreciate our Navy Run sponsors including the Navy Exchange, Columbia College, University of Phoenix, VyStar Credit Union, ASICS, USA Discounters, Mitchell Proffitt, TRX, Life Fitness, USAA, Jacksonville Sun's, Holiday Inn of Orange Park and Premier Beverage," said Henigman.

Countering North Korean threats

By Amaani Lyle
American Forces Press Service

Readiness is critical to thwarting North Korea's effort to develop nuclear arms and long-range missiles, the commander of U.S. forces in Korea told the House Armed Services Committee April 2.

Army Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, who commands United Nations Command and Combined Forces Command, in addition to U.S. Forces Korea, said his organizations will work closely with the South Korean military to develop its capabilities and stanch an increasing asymmetric threat on the Korean Peninsula.

"We will . . . combine [communications] systems, an alliance counter-missile defense strategy, and a procurement of precision-guided munitions, ballistic missile defense systems and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platforms," Scaparrotti said.

The general noted that North Korea has the fourth-largest military in the world, with more than 70 percent of its ground forces deployed near the Korean Demilitarized Zone.

"[North Korea's] long-range artillery can strike targets in the Seoul metropolitan area, where over 23 million South Koreans and almost 50,000 Americans live," he said.

In addition to violations of multiple U.N. Security Council resolutions, Kim Jong Un's regime also is aggressively investing in cyber warfare capabilities, the general

reported.

"North Korea brings risk to the world's fastest-growing economic region, which is responsible for 25 percent of the world's gross domestic product and home to our largest trading partners," Scaparrotti said.

"Against this real threat, our nation is committed to the security of South Korea and to our national interests."

The general pledged to transform and strengthen the alliance, maintain the armistice to deter and defeat aggression, and be ready to fight. Priorities, he added, also include sustaining the force and family readiness and enhancing the United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea teams.

"An essential part of this is a positive command climate that focuses on the covenant between the leader and the led and our mission together," he said.

"At the core of mission success is the close relationship we share with our South Korean partners; we benefit from an important history forged on many battlefields, shared sacrifices and democratic principles."

Over the past 60 years, the general said, the United States and South Korea have built one of the longest-standing alliances in modern history.

"We will continue to ensure strong and effective deterrence posture so that Pyongyang never misjudges our role, commitment or capability to respond as an alliance," he added.

NAVFAC ENVIRONMENTAL

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for the work that happens at the Environmental Department here on board NAS Meridian," said Wade. "As an individual, it is a great feeling to know that you are a part of an excellent staff that is making a lasting improvement to the environment for future generations."

The processes for remedial actions ultimately ends with no further action for a site to be classified as "closed out." So site close-out would mean that the land goes back to the way it originally was before it was inhabited.

Currently, the restoration team is planning a bioreactor for the remedial actions at Site 8 Old Jet Wash Area. This bioreactor system will allow microorganisms to break down active chemical contamination naturally at an accelerated rate.

"Planning, communication, and team work are what it takes to have the work accomplished in a short amount of time," claimed Wade.

The local environmental staff effectively coordinated and communicated with the partnering team to finish the work on time. The partnering team included the NAVFAC Southeast Region Program Manager Robert Fisher, Mississippi Environmental Quality Regulator Robert Merrell, CH2MHill Program Manager David Chung, and NAS Meridian Environmental staff.

For the fiscal year 2013 competition, 54 nominations from commands around the world were received in 10 award categories. Environmental experts for the Navy and representatives from non-government organizations evaluated nominations to determine winners for each of the award categories.

The CNO Environmental Awards honor ships, installations, individuals, and teams for their outstanding achievements in Navy environmental programs. The ten award categories include 1) Natural Resources Conservation, Small Installation; 2) Natural Resources Conservation, Individual or Team; 3) Environmental Quality, Non-Industrial Installation; 4) Environmental Quality, Individual or Team; 5) Environmental Quality, Large Ship; 6) Sustainability, Industrial Installation; 7) Environmental Restoration, Installation; 8) Environmental Restoration, Individual or Team; 9) Cultural Resources Management, Installation; and 10) Environmental Excellence in Weapon System Acquisition, Large Program, Individual or Team.

All CNO winners now advance to the Secretary of the Navy level of competition.

For more information on the CNO Environmental Awards program, visit <http://greenfleet.dod-live.mil/environment/awards>.

FLEET CHALLENGE

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naissance aircrew.

"It's the weapons school's chance to put them through their paces in the latest things that have developed over the previous year," said Granger.

This year marks the first time P-8A Poseidon aircraft participate with P-3C Orion aircrews in the competition.

"There are P-3 crews out there who are determined to not get shown up," said Granger. "I think with some of the advantages that

the Poseidon brings, such as being able to bring more sonar buoys on station, and the training that the crews have gotten, it will be tough. It will be a close run."

Both the simulator events and flight operations were designed based on real-world scenarios, so aircrews can experience what is happening out in the fleet and bring that knowledge home to their squadrons to share, said Granger.

The Navy's ASW Fleet Challenge 2014 exercise has been held every year since 2007, with the exception of 2013, when it was cancelled due to budgetary restraints.

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month

NAS Jax FFSC staff members look on as NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander signs a proclamation in support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) at the Officers' Club on April 2. Joining Undersander (center) at the table were, from left, Fleet Readiness Center Southeast Commanding Officer Capt. John Kemna, VP-30 Commanding Officer Capt. Curtis Phillips, VP-45 Commanding Officer Cmdr. John Brabazon, and NAS Jax Command Master Chief CMDM(SW/AW) Teri McIntyre. FFSC Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Coordinator Tina Vaughn said, "SAAM is important because it allows time and opportunity to reflect on the SAPR program in a meaningful way - to think about where we have come from and to envision where we want and need to go in the interest of better serving and supporting those who are victimized by this crime."



Photo by MC2 Amanda Cabasos

VP-16

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This year's drills marked the 53rd Foal Eagle exercise, which included participation of USS Lassen (DDG 82), USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54), USS Lake Erie (CG 70), USS Howard (DDG 83), USS Avenger (MCM 1), along with Korean Aegis destroyers ROKS Sejong the Great (DDG 991), ROKS Seoae Ryu (DDG 993), and ROKS Gwang Geon (DDH 978).

Additionally, the exercise included the U.S. Navy's P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft from VP-16 for its first training missions in Korea.

"Exercise Foal Eagle is important to the alliance because it brings units from other regions to Korea and allows them to work in a joint environment with our ROK navy counterparts, improving our joint fighting effectiveness," said Cmdr. David Suchyta, director of operations for Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea.

"The ROK and U.S. alliance is built on trust and that trust grows from working together. This exercise provided new generations of U.S. and ROK Sailors the opportunity to work together and build that trust."

The training incorporated scenarios such as gunnery exercises, communication drills, dynamic ship maneuvers,



Sailors from the Republic of Korea navy board a U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon aircraft March 30 for a tour facilitated by crew members assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 16 during a distinguished visitor static display event with senior members of the Republic of Korea navy. The U.S. Navy's P-8A Poseidon is conducting its first training missions in the Republic of Korea in support of Exercise Foal Eagle 2014. VP-16 is deployed in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility supporting security and stability operations in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

logistical rehearsals, and liaison officer exchanges with the ROK navy.

Photos by MCI Joshua Bryce Burns



AWO2 Borg Miller, an acoustic systems operator assigned to VP-16, describes the process of launching sonobuoys to Republic of Korea sailors during a tour of the U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon aircraft.

AOAN Nick Hoover, assigned to VP-16, collects fuel samples from a P-8A Poseidon aircraft prior to a training mission with patrol aircraft from the Republic of Korea navy.

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Ask the Doc Medications Q&A

From Naval Hospital Jacksonville

Q: What should I do if I have a bad reaction to my medication?

A: Sometimes medications can cause unintended reactions - from minor to life-threatening. Minor reactions should be reported to your provider or pharmacist for advice. Pharmacy phone numbers are usually located on your prescription bottle. For serious or life-threatening reactions - such as difficulty breathing, tightness in your chest, swelling, itching or convulsions - call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

Q: Why do some medications warn me of sunburn?

A: Some medications such as sulfa antibiotics, like sepra or bactrim, can cause photosensitivity to sun rays and likely skin burning. Even short exposure to sun rays or tanning booths can cause skin rash, itching, redness or even severe sunburn.

If your prescription label cautions against sun exposure, try avoiding the highest burn index of the day, usually between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. If you must be out, wear protective clothing and accessories. In addition, apply sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher), use SPF lip balm and wear sunglasses to protect your eyes.

Q: Is it important how I store my medications?

A: Each medication has unique storage requirements. Because the effectiveness of your medication may be altered by temperature, light or humidity, many medications should be stored in a cool, dry place away from moisture, heat and sunlight. Always read medication labels for storage recommendations. If in doubt, ask your pharmacist if special storage procedures are needed.

"Ask the Doc" is written by Naval Hospital Jacksonville providers from its hospital and five branch health clinics in Florida and Georgia.

This column was written by Cmdr. Pamela O'Loughlin, Naval Branch Health Clinic Key West pharmacist.

If you have a question for a physician, dentist, pharmacist or optometrist, send it to jaxpublicaffairs@med.navy.mil.



Pharmacist Cmdr. Pamela O'Loughlin



Photos by Jacob Sippel

Naval Hospital Jacksonville commanding officer Capt. Gayle Shaffer presents the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal to Lt. Jeffrey Cook during an awards ceremony at the hospital on April 4.

Capt. Gayle Shaffer (left), Naval Hospital Jacksonville commanding officer, presents the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal to Lt. Cmdr. William Bennett during an awards ceremony at the hospital March 28. Other award recipients included: Lt. James White (Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal); HM1 Jason Julien (Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal); Hospitalman James Stevens (Joint Service Achievement Medal); Hospitalman Christopher Dooling (Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal); HM3 Daniel Anderson (Flag Letter of Commendation, Navy Medicine East); HM3 Jake McCardell (Letter of Appreciation, Commanding Officer HMSS 72); HM3 Emmanuel Washington (Letter of Appreciation, Edward White High School NJROTC); Charlene Johnson (20-year Civilian Length of Service Award); Beverly Taylor (10-year Civilian Length of Service Award).

Hospital Awards Quarters



MilKidz Club at YAC

At the NAS Jax Youth Activities Center (YAC), the Blue Star Families launched its MilKidz Club, a program that empowers military children through social activities, volunteer and educational opportunities - regardless of rank, branch of service or military installation. At the writing and drawing activity on April 3, volunteer Marcie Lewis helps Caleb Harden, age 6, write a letter to another military child.



Photos by Morgan Kehnt

At the Blue Star Families MilKidz Club seed planting activity, each child was given a packet of seeds and taught about planting and watering seeds properly. Volunteer Avenicia Regino helps Jesse Coker, age 5, plant seeds in his egg carton container.



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Goat Locker celebrates 121 years



On their 121st birthday, the Chiefs' Mess of NAS Jax joins in celebration of their rank's rich heritage and tradition. (First row from left) ACC Andre Chester, MAC Vanessa Henderson, NAS Jax CMDCM Teri McIntyre, (second row from left) EMC Jason Allen, YNC Mark Leet, MTCS Ronald Thomas, BMC Jose Arroyopaulin, CSC Charles Brown, (third row from left) CSC Keith Combo, BMC Robert Gibbs, NCCS Chad Geers, (back row from left) CSCS Wendell Heyward, ABCM Michael Coppola, ENCS Scott Vanhorn, ACCS Keven Sloan, ABHCS Fred Baxter.



Photos by AE2(AW) Samantha Jones

"Since 1893, Chief Petty Officers have been deckplate leaders, the foundation for setting standards and the backbone of our navy," said CMDCM(SW/AW) Teri McIntyre to the Chiefs' Mess aboard NAS Jax as they gathered at Bldg. 1 in celebration of the 121st birthday of the U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer.



The Chiefs' Mess reflects as NAS Jax CMDCM(SW/AW) Teri McIntyre requests that on the 121st birthday of the Chief Petty Officer, they "take a moment to honor our long-standing traditions, remember our heritage and what the anchors mean. Recommit to our guiding principles and reaffirm our dedication to one another and our mess."



NAS Jax CMDCM(SW/AW) Teri McIntyre (center) leads the Chiefs' Mess in reciting the Sailor's Creed as they join together to honor the 121st birthday of the CPO.



(From left) BMC Jose Arroyopaulin, CSC Charles Brown and QMC Joseph Ziro stand at the ready for morning colors in honor of the 121st birthday of the U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer.

With MUC Charity Barron directing, Navy Band Southeast performed patriotic music for the U.S. Navy Chiefs' birthday recognition held at Bldg. 1 aboard NAS Jax.



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- Ship Shape (appointment only) weight management—eight weeks (one hour per week)
- Tobacco Cessation (appointment or walk-in): Monday, 9 a.m.; Tuesday, 1 p.m.; Thursday, noon.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (904) 542-5292 or visit NH Jacksonville's Wellness Center located at Building 867, adjacent to the NAS Jacksonville fitness center.

The Chiefs' Mess aboard NAS Jax gives their attention to ACC Andre Chester as he recites an excerpt from the CPO Creed, "In the United States Navy - and only in the United States Navy - the rank of E7 carries with it unique responsibilities and privileges you are now bound to observe and fulfill. Your entire way of life is now changed. More will be expected of you; more will be demanded of you. Not because you are an E7, but because you are now a U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer."





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Lt. j.g. Nick Horton (left), and Lt. Clayton Hunt, naval aviators assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 16, perform preflight checks in the flight station of a P-8A Poseidon April 1 prior to a mission to assist in search and rescue operations for Malaysia Airlines flight MH370. VP-16 is deployed in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.



Two P-8A Poseidon aircraft from VP-16 rest on the tarmac of an air field in Perth, Australia. The pair of maritime patrol aircraft are being utilized for the international effort to locate Malaysia Airlines flight MH370.

Photos by MCC Keith DeVinney

Search for MH370 continues

From U.S. 7th Fleet Public Affairs

The NAS Jacksonville-based VP-16 "War Eagles" P-8s in Perth are still flying search missions. Overall patrol aircraft support to date includes 24 missions with 220 of flight time covering 336,000 square nautical miles.

Additionally, the U.S. Navy team operating the towed pinger locator (TPL) onboard Australian defense vessel Ocean Shield detected pinging signals, April 6.

The detected signals are consistent with sounds that would come from a black box.

The TPL heard consecutive

pings at one-second intervals. At the time of detection the TPL was at a depth of 300 meters, which is well above the optimal search depth where a black box would typically be detected.

Upon detection, the Ocean Shield crew turned off as much noise-producing equipment as possible to reduce the chance of false alarms, and the signal was again held for over two hours at a TPL depth of 1,400 meters. The signal strength increased and then faded, as would be expected with the ship moving toward then away from the signal.

After the signal was lost the team reeled the TPL back in to

prepare for a course change to a reciprocal course to get a better line of bearing in the contact location.

While traveling on the reciprocal course, the Ocean Shield team again detected a separate set of pings while with the TPL set to an optimal depth of 3,000 meters.

On this course the detection time lasted for about 15 minutes. The TPL detected two signals at the same frequency but in different locations. This would be consistent with the MH370 black box because the plane had both a flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder.

Since the current data



A P-8A Poseidon aircraft from VP-16 is parked next to a Royal Australian Air Force E-7A Wedgetail aircraft at Perth Airport. Both planes are being utilized for the international effort to locate Malaysia Airlines flight MH370.

remains inconclusive, the team is moving forward to reacquire the signal and use the Bluefin-21 Sidescan Sonar to get a picture of any potential wreckage. This is a 24-hour operation and the Navy team is

working around the clock with their Australian partners to reacquire the black box signal.

The search is currently taking place approximately 950 nautical miles northwest of Perth.

Special acoustic gear joins search

Capt. Mark Matthews, supervisor of salvage and diving, demonstrates to international media how the towed array listens for the signal emitted by a locator beacon like the one on Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370. Joint Task Force 658 is currently supporting Operation Southern Indian Ocean, searching for the missing Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777.



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Photo by AE2(AW) Samantha Jones
 NAS Jacksonville Executive Officer Capt. Howard Wanamaker (left) along with Fleet and Family Support Center staff and more than 112 children of the base Child Development Center pause for a photograph before stepping off on their walk to raise awareness for child abuse prevention.

Walk for child abuse prevention

By AE2(AW) Samantha Jones
 Staff Writer

Every April the NAS Jax Fleet and Family Support Center arranges several activities involving children at the NAS Jax Child Development Center (CDC) in support of child abuse awareness and prevention month.

On April 2, NAS Jacksonville Executive Officer Capt. Howard Wanamaker, along with Fleet and Family Support Center staff and children and staff from the CDC, stepped out on their annual Child Abuse Prevention Month Walk. Since 2008, the "Pinwheels for Prevention" campaign has established the pinwheel as the national symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention. The children proudly wielded the pinwheels they crafted as they walked around the perimeter of the CDC to raise awareness for the program.

"I really enjoy any opportunity I have to participate in events with the children of military families. This walk makes such a positive impact on the children and they seem to be having a great time," said Wanamaker.

"Watching them laugh as they waved their pinwheels reminded us all why this annual Child Abuse Prevention Walk is so important. We must always work together to prevent any kind of child abuse," he added.

Even the children's caretakers noticed the impression the walk leaves on the children. Kathy Wright, program assistant at the CDC, noted, "this walk encourages the discussions we have with the children regarding abuse and makes the children feel important."

There are several classes provided at the Fleet and Family Support Center to reinforce the cause, including New Parent Support, that Emily Fox, a child counselor at Fleet and Family Support Center, says, "it's where prevention starts."

Proclamation for children

Commanding officers from tenant commands and FFSC staff join NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander during the signing of a proclamation in support of Child Abuse Prevention and the Month of the Military Child at the Officers' Club on April 2. (Front row from left) Fleet Readiness Center Southeast Commanding Officer Capt. John Kemna, VP-30 Commanding Officer Capt. Curtis Phillips, Undersander, VP-45 Commanding Officer Cmdr. John Brabazon Command and NAS Jax Command Master Chief CMDCM(SW/AW) Teri McIntyre.



Photo by MC2 Amanda Cabasos

NMCRS Volunteer Spotlight: Meet Stephanie Croan

By Barbie Smolinski
 NMCRS Publicity Assistant

Stephanie Croan is a new volunteer at Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Jacksonville. As a Navy spouse, she recently moved to Jacksonville from Pensacola and looks forward to providing active duty service members and their families with financial counseling and assistance.

Croan is a native of Ketchikan, Alaska, the state's first city and "Salmon Capital of the World."

She attended Western Washington University where she earned a bachelor's degree in envi-

ronmental science. After college, she lived in Seattle for one year where she enjoyed the culture and fast-paced life of the city.

She then moved to Juneau, Alaska, where she worked as an environmental monitor for the Kensington gold mine located 40 miles north of the city. There she found her beloved dog, Marlee, who happened to show up one day at the mine.

From Juneau she moved to



Croan

Fairbanks, Alaska where she met her husband, Andrew, who is a naval flight officer in training at VP-30 aboard NAS Jacksonville. They've been married for one year.

In her free time, Stephanie loves to deep-sea dive. She recently became a certified scuba diver and explored Florida's Barrier Reef in Key West. Her dream is to dive the Belize Barrier Reef and the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.

Do you want to meet interesting people like Stephanie Croan? Then check out the volunteer opportunities at NMCRS, by calling the chairman of volunteers at 904-542-3515.

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Women's Softball League Forming

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Open to NAS Jax active duty, command DoD, DoD contractors and selective reservists. Meet at 11:30 a.m. at the golf course. Commands whose athletic officer or designated representative attend receive five Captain's Cup points.

Intramural Basketball Meets May 14

Open to NAS Jax active duty, command DoD, DoD contractors and selective reservists. Meet at noon at Dewey's. Commands whose athletic officer or designated representative attend receive five Captain's Cup points.

Wallyball League Meets May 21

Open to active duty, DoD, DoD contractors and selective reservists assigned to a command at NAS Jacksonville. Meet at noon at Dewey's. Commands whose athletic officer or designated representative attend receive five Captain's Cup points.

Badminton Singles Meets May 28

Open to active duty, DoD, DoD contractors and selective reservists assigned to a command at NAS Jacksonville. Meet noon at Dewey's. Commands whose athletic officer or designated representative attend

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Teams	Wins	Losses
NCTS	6	1
VP-45	6	1
CNATTU Blue	5	2
VP-30	5	2
FRCSE	5	2
CV-TSC/PSD	4	3
Navy Band	4	3
SERCC	2	5
FRCSE II	1	2
HS-11	1	3
VP-10	1	5
CNATTU Gold	1	6

Ultimate Frisbee

Teams	Wins	Losses
VP-30 Students	4	1
CV-TSC Ashore	4	1
VP-62 Broadarrows	3	2
NAVAFAC/PWD	2	2
FRCSE	1	0
NAS Jax	2	3

HS-11	2	3
VP-10	0	4

Soccer

Teams	Wins	Losses
FRCSE	1	0
HITRON	1	0
HSM-72	1	0
NAVAFAC	1	0
TPU/PCF	1	0
VP-30 E's	1	0
VP-30 Students	1	0
BHC Jax	0	0
NAVHOSP	0	0
VP-10	0	0
VP-62	0	0
Air Ops	0	1
FRCSE F-18 PMI	0	1
HS-11	0	1
VP-26	0	1
VP-30 O's	0	1
VP-45	0	1
VR-62	0	1

Badminton Doubles

Teams	Wins	Losses
NAVHOSP MSU	9	0
NAVAFAC Blue	6	1
NBHC Jax	4	2
MWR Dynamic Duo	5	3
NAVAFAC Red	4	3
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HSM-72 Det.1 "Highlanders" stand with one of their two MH-60R Seahawk helicopters that will embark with guided-missile cruiser USS Hué City (CG 66) later this year in support of international exercises.



DoD salutes children during military child month

By Terri Moon Cronk
American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department believes military children serve their country alongside their service member parents, DoD's director of the office of family policy/children and youth said recently.

When military children serve, they do so by making sacrifices when parents are deployed, through frequent moves, starting new schools and making new friends on a continuing basis, Barbara Thompson said in a recent interview with The Pentagon Channel for the Month of the Military Child that's celebrated in April.

"We feel it's important for the nation to know that military children also serve their country," Thompson said.

To honor military children for their sacrifices and service, DoD and the services have planned activities this month that range from installation-based fairs, parades, and literacy and art events, she said.

Military Kids Day, April 15, marks the third-annual "Purple Up!" day when adults wear purple to show support of children from all the services, Thompson said.

DoD has numerous year-round programs and awareness efforts to honor military children, and Thompson elaborated on some of those initiatives.

To help children build their resilience, DoD has coordinated programs with Sesame Street to help with ongoing change in military children's lives, Thompson noted.

"Sesame [Street] has been an outstanding contributor to the well-being of military children," she said, naming a

series of DVDs that cover such topics for military children as divorce, grief, separation and deployment, resilience skills, and visible or invisible injuries.

Sesame Street also recently launched two new smartphone applications.

"One [app] covers relocation, and another is to help children learn self-regulation skills so they become more resilient," Thompson said. "And everything is free."

Thompson emphasized that April also is Child Abuse Prevention Month and said awareness in this arena is important to DoD.

"Child Abuse Prevention Month is particularly important because it's a social responsibility for all of us to make sure children are safe and their well-being is protected," she said.

Giving parents the tools to make them strong supporters of their children and to keep them safe from predators and from violence within the family is crucial, she added.

"Parenting is tough, regardless of the situation and the age of the child. They each bring their nuances to the table, whether it's children at [age] 2 who say 'no,' or a teenager who's sometimes a little defiant," she said.

DoD offers parenting skill resources, Thompson noted, such as the newly launched Parenting Course. The course, she explained, examines parenting from the context of the military lifestyle, which revolves around deployments and parental separations from their children at different stages of their development.

And an installation-based initiative, the new Parent Support Program, involves home visitation for new par-

ents of children up to age 3, "to help parents reach their full potential working with and being responsible for their children," Thompson said. The Marine Corps' program supports parents with children up to age 5, she added.

"The New Parent Support Program is a part of the Family Advocacy Program, which has a prevention piece that offers courses and opportunities for support groups. We want to make sure we address the stressors in families' lives before they escalate," Thompson said.

"Sometimes [certain] things really push our buttons," she added. "So we need to have the tools, to know how to cope with those kinds of stressors and how we react to them."

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The U.S. Navy flight demonstration squadron, the Blue Angels, flies the diamond formation March 29 above Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas. The air station is one of two that trains future Navy jet pilots, some of whom later join the Blue Angels team. The squadron is scheduled to perform at NAS Jacksonville Oct. 25-26.



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Hospital CPOs party on

(From left) Naval Hospital Jacksonville CMDM Bennora Simmons, HMC Jamie Davis and HMC Louis Ferraro cut the ceremonial cake April 3 commemorating 121 years of the U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer. Since 1893, Chiefs have been charged with the responsibility of ensuring our Sailors are the best in the world, ready to carry out the Navy's mission when called.

FRCSE returns Hornet

Lt. Cmdr. Joshua Filbey, Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) F/A-18 Hornet production officer and test pilot, climbs into the cockpit of a Blue Angels' Hornet March 31 to fly the aircraft from FRCSE at NAS Jacksonville to the Blue Angels' home base at NAS Pensacola.



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US Fleet Cyber Command/US 10th Fleet change of command

From Commander, U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/ U.S. 10th Fleet Public Affairs

U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/ U.S. 10th Fleet (FCC/C10F) conducted a change of command April 2 at the Frank B. Rowlett Building located at Fort George Meade, Md.

Vice Adm. Jan Tighe relieved Adm. Michael Rogers as commander in a ceremony held at fleet headquarters.

With this appointment, Tighe becomes the third commander of FCC/C10F and the first female commander of a numbered fleet in U.S. Navy history.

"It is an honor to take command of this outstanding warfighting organization and to be able to continue working with the tremendous team of uniformed and civilian professionals," said Tighe.

Tighe has served as deputy commander of FCC/C10F since November 2013.

Rogers takes the reigns as commander, U.S. Cyber Command and director, National Security Agency/ chief, Central Security Service.

"It has been a tremendous honor and privilege to serve as



Photo by MC2 David Finley Jr.

Vice Adm. Jan E. Tighe smiles as she assumes command of U.S. Fleet Cyber Command and U.S. 10th Fleet during the April 2 ceremony conducted at fleet headquarters. Tighe relieved Adm. Michael Roger, who takes over as commander of U.S. Cyber Command and director of the National Security Agency and chief of the Central Security Service. Tighe is the third commander of U.S. Fleet Cyber Command and U.S. 10th Fleet and the first female commander of a numbered fleet in U.S. Navy history.

your commander for the last two and a half years. Your support of the nation's maritime strategy by effectively employing our mission capabilities globally has been outstanding," Rogers said.

"I now pass the conn of [FCC/C10F] to Vice Adm. Jan Tighe. She is an exceptional leader, innovative thinker and stalwart warfighter who will con-

tinue our momentum of mission accomplishment and transformation."

Tighe was promoted at the National Cryptologic Museum by Gen. Keith Alexander, who retired March 28 from his position as commander of U.S. Cyber Command and director, National Security Agency/ chief, Central Security Service.

"I think the greatest honor

and privilege I've had is to work with great people," Alexander said, "and Jan Tighe, you are one of the best people that our military has across all of the Services."

"You are exceptional in every category and you will do great with 10th Fleet, which I believe is just a stepping stone for future things for you," Alexander went on to say.

Tighe was born in Bowling Green, Ky., and raised in Plantation, Fla.

Her previous tours include duty with Naval Security Group Activities in Florida, Virginia, Japan, VQ-1 and Naval Information Warfare Activity.

As a flag officer, Tighe has served as U.S. Cyber Command Deputy J3; OPNAV N2N6 Director, Decision Superiority; Naval Postgraduate School Interim President; and Deputy Commander, FCC/C10F.

Tighe is a U.S. Naval Academy graduate and was commissioned as an ensign (special duty cryptology) in 1984.

She attended the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif., where she studied Russian.

She also attended the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif., and in 2001 was awarded a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and a M.S. in Applied Mathematics.

Tighe wears both the Information Dominance Warfare insignia and Naval Aviation Observer wings, which she earned while deployed as an airborne special evaluator aboard VQ-1 EP-3E aircraft in the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

U.S. Fleet Cyber Command serves as the Navy component command to U.S. Strategic Command and U.S. Cyber Command, and the Navy's Service Cryptologic Component commander under the National Security Agency/ Central Security Service. Fleet Cyber Command also reports directly to the Chief of Naval Operations as an Echelon II command.

U.S. 10th Fleet is the operational arm of Fleet Cyber Command and executes its mission through a task force structure similar to other warfare commanders.

FRCSE establishes new 'hearing conservation' zones

By Kaylee LaRocque

Fleet Readiness Center Southeast Public Affairs

A new policy at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) now requires personnel to wear hearing protection in all marked industrial areas to help reduce the incidence of hearing loss from long-term exposure.

The policy change is in accordance with the Navy Safety and Occupational Health Program Manual and Commander, Fleet Readiness Centers Occupational Safety and Health Policy requiring personal protective equipment at all centers to protect employees from injury and illness.

"Our policy was that for areas above 85 decibels, employees had to wear hearing protection based on guidelines of different noise hazards," said FRCSE Director of Safety Peter Gallant.

"This is not really feasible. We are revising our policy to state that if there are noise hazards above 85 or reasonably expected above 85 in an industrial area, then hearing protection will be worn at all times even for those transiting the area. The exception is during breaks or lunch."

According to Gallant, hear-



Photos by Kaylee LaRocque

Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) Director of Safety Peter Gallant (left) discusses where to place new hearing protection signs in work centers with hearing conservation team members. From right: Steve Simmons, FRCSE Mega Center supervisor; Steve Parker, International Federation of Professional Technical Engineers Union representative and Alison Sala-Brewer, industrial engineering technician during a meeting at the depot on March 18.

ing loss statistics are based using two methods - the days away restricted transfer (DART) rate which is used by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration industry-wide and the total case incident rate (TCIR) which combines DART cases and hearing loss cases.

"Our industrial site workers are enrolled in a hearing

conservation program based on noise levels within FRCSE shops," said Gallant. "This program requires them to go through annual training and hearing check-ups at our base clinic."

To carry out the new policy, an implementation team is identifying hearing protection zones, creating zone maps, displaying signage and providing

hearing protection stations.

"We are working with shop managers to identify specific hearing protection zones and determine where additional signs and hearing protection stations are needed," said Gallant.

The policy also requires most FRCSE employees to wear safety glasses and safety shoes while in and traveling through



On March 18, Alison Sala-Brewer, a Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) industrial engineering technician and member of the FRCSE hearing conservation team, posts a sign to remind FRCSE employees and visitors that hearing protection is required in a designated work center. The team is identifying areas throughout FRCSE where hearing protection is required and identifying locations to install earplug dispensers.

marked industrial production spaces including aisle ways. However, employees, vendors and visitors passing through marked aisle ways may wear, at a minimum, closed-toe shoes, if safety shoes are not required for their job function.

Voting assistance available

NAS Jax Commanding Officer Capt. Roy Undersander discussed the importance of voting in order to maintain a healthy and thriving democracy. He spoke at a recent Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) workshop for voting assistance officers held at Dewey's All Hands Club. For more info, visit www.FVAP.gov.



Photo by Clark Pierce

CNO is Battle of Midway keynote speaker June 7

From Navy League Mayport

The Navy League of Mayport is celebrating the 72nd Anniversary of the Battle of Midway Commemoration dinner and program. This is an All Services event featuring a joint color guard, All Services Missing Person table, the Navy Band with all the service songs, and numerous historical displays.

Tickets are now on sale for this year's event which will be held June 7, at the Renaissance World Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine. The keynote speaker is Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert.

Veterans who served at the Battle of Midway and veterans of all branches who served in prior conflicts, as well as those currently serving are invited to attend. Additionally, Medal of Honor recipients and former Prisoners of War who have heroically answered the call of duty will also be in attendance. Come meet these "National Treasures" and hear their adventures first hand.

The evening promises to be emotional and patriotic, and provide an excellent opportunity to connect with survivors of what historians call one of the

U. S. Navy's greatest sea victories - and the turning point of World War II in the Pacific.

Ticket prices for active duty and spouses: E-6 and below - \$25; E-7 to O3 - \$40; O4 to O5 - \$50, O6 and above - \$65. Prices for Civilians and Retirees - \$65.

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'Fighting Tigers' help build home for Salvadoran family

By Lt. j.g. Torrey Plum
VP-8 Public Affairs

Seven Sailors from the VP-8 "Fighting Tigers" - based at Cooperative Security Location Comalapa, El Salvador - spent March 29 helping to build a home for a local Salvadoran family as part of a Habitat for Humanity project. The Fighting Tigers leveled floors, hauled dirt and erected scaffolding.

"It was a humbling experience to see how grateful the families were," said Lt. j.g. Paxie Cordova, a pilot with

VP-8. "Habitat for Humanity provides us with a wonderful opportunity to help the local community and leave a lasting mark from our time spent here."

Hugo Rodriguez, the recipient of the new home, expressed appreciation for the volunteers' time and effort.

"The experience allows us to create new relationships with people from other countries," he said. "It means a great deal to us that these people, who we've never met, are willing to

volunteer their time in order to provide us with a home."

Habitat for Humanity El Salvador relies mostly on donations and volunteers to provide housing to families, many of whom have been displaced by natural disasters. Since they began aiding Latin America in 1979, Habitat for Humanity has helped provide more than 100,000 families with adequate housing.

The Fighting Tigers of VP-8 are deployed to the 4th and 5th fleet areas of responsibility, assisting in the Counter Crime mission and providing Transnational Organized humanitarian assistance.



Photo courtesy of VP-8

(From left) AWO2 Mark Willard, Lt. j.g. Paxie Cordova and (background) AECS Demetrius Brown of VP-8 invest some sweat in a Habitat For Humanity project for a Salvadoran family as they select concrete blocks at the construction site.

CSL Comalapa, VP-8 Sailors compete in Salvadoran sports day

By GM2(SW) Camille Perez
CSL Comalapa Public Affairs

Members of the El Salvador air force's Segunda Brigada Aerea (Second Air Brigade) hosted a sports day March 28 at their base in Comalapa and invited Sailors from Cooperative Security Location (CSL) Comalapa and VP-8 to participate.

Other participants included Policia Nacional Civil (the national police), the Maseca corn company, Aeroman, Comision Ejecutiva Portuaria Autonoma and Grupo Conjunto Cuscastlan.

"Having a sports day like this helps the health of relations between the U.S. Navy and Salvadorans," said Lt. Col. Saul Osorio of the Segunda Brigada Aerea. "Friendly competition helps builds on the camaraderie between CSL Sailors and Segunda Brigada Aerea."

CSL and the VP-8 "Fighting Tigers" joined together to create one soccer team, and while both commands had basketball teams, VP-8 fielded its own volleyball team.

The teams played in a single-elimination tournament for each sport. VP-8 won the basketball championship, while the Segunda Brigada Aerea won in soccer and Maseca in volleyball.

CSL Comalapa provided hot dogs and minutas (snow cones), and the Segunda Brigada provided water and sodas for everyone.

"Sports day was a great time," said Ensign Mark Baden, a basketball team member and naval flight officer with VP-8. "It was an honor to participate in friendly competition against the El Salvadorans and experience their culture."

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Photos by GM2 Camille Perez Ensign Mark Baden, a naval flight officer with VP-8, looks for room under the basket during the Segunda Brigada Aerea (Second Air Brigade) sports day on March 28 at CSL Comalapa, El Salvador. The "Fighting Tigers" won the day's basketball championship.



AE3 Danielle Lindsay of VP-8 digs the ball during volleyball competition in the Segunda Brigada Aerea (Second Air Brigade) sports day as teammate AWO2 Blake Pockrandt looks on.

Naval Forces Southern Command & U.S. 4th Fleet, visit www.navy.mil/local/cusns/.

Scholarship application deadline extended

From staff

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